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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

1. Amend page 3, first full paragraph running from lines 4-19, as shown in the following:

In accordance with the invention there is provided a system and method for downloading encrypted electronic information (software) from a host device to a gaming terminal e.g. through a communications link between the host device and the terminal (the downloading facilitating a replacement of electronic information stored in the terminal with corresponding decrypted information obtained from decrypting the encrypted information). The terminal comprises a decryption component configured for decrypting the encrypted electronic information using at least two security keys, at least one said key being resident in the terminal and at least another said key being non-resident and delivered to the terminal at the time of the downloading. A host component is configured for transmitting the encrypted electronic information from the host device to the terminal, wherein the encrypted information comprises at least one next version key for later use by the decryption component in decrypting a next version of encrypted electronic information. A receiving component is configured for receiving the encrypted information by at the terminal. Delivery means is configured for delivering the said other key to the terminal at the time of the downloading.

2. Amend page 3, second paragraph running from lines 20-28, as shown in the following:

The encrypted electronic information is in the form of packs ~~and the comprise~~ comprising a full set of files for updating the terminal's existing software. The communications link may comprise a cable coupled to parallel ports of the host and terminal and the delivery means may comprise an electronic security key, with the encrypted information also then comprising assigned bit information associated with a next version electronic key for later use in providing said other security key for decrypting a next version of encrypted electronic information. The cable is preferably

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wired to provide crossed control lines and bidirectional communications for data transfer.